

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1- 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method ~~according to Claim 1,~~ for re-formatting computer files, comprising the steps:

inputting a data file into a computer having a specified operating system, wherein the computer is of a given type, has a driver of a given type, includes a word processing application, and is operated by a user, the specified operating system is a first operating system, and the data file is a given program having a first source code;~~and comprising the further steps of:~~

using said computer to determine if the data file is compatible with the specified operating system;

if the data file is not compatible with the computer, said computer transmitting the data file over the Internet from said computer to a universal server; and

the universal server, transforming the data file into a format compatible with the specified operating system of the computer, and sending the transformed data file back to the computer;

providing first and second databases, using the first database to identify a group of user requirements, and using the second database to hold information about the computer;

the user entering into the first database information identifying

- i) the data file,
- ii) text that needs to be converted into a given word processing application,
and
- iii) files that need to be converted into a given audio application;

providing the second database with computer information identifying (i) the specified operating system, (ii) the type of the computer, (iii) the type of the driver of the computer, and (iv) the word processing application on the computer, including the steps of storing the second database on a universal conversion server database, and reading said computer information from a file on the computer;

wherein the step of transforming the data file includes the steps of

- i) using a universal driver to receive the data file from the computer,
- ii) the universal driver sending the data file to the universal server,

- iii) linking the universal server to a multitude of source codes, including the step of providing a table including links to source codes, the given program's executable code, and the given program's file name,
- iv) providing a license agreement identifying allowable compilations and fees for said compilations,

the universal server

- v) defining automatically what changes are needed to the given program and how the given program should be changed,
- vi) defining the type of data in the given program and the operating systems for which the given program was formatted,
- vii) checking to determine what operating system is on the computer and what applications are on the computer to process the type of data in the given program,
- viii) sending the file data to a formatting server and asking the formatting server to reformat the file data to an application available on the computer,
- ix) searching whether there is a source code that was used to compile the given program received from the computer,
- x) using the first source code to compile a second source code for the specified operating system, including the step of adapting the first source code for compilation in the specified operating system; and after said first

source code is adapted, compiling said second source code using a
compiler from a set of compilers; and

wherein the step of sending the transformed data file back to the computer includes the step of
sending said compiled second source code to the computer.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A method according to Claim 20, wherein:

the step of transforming the data file includes the further step of the universal server using the
information read from the computer to determine how to change the data file received from the
computer;

the step of linking the universal server to the multitude of source codes includes the step of
storing said source codes in a module; and

the step of searching whether there is a source code that was used to compile the given program
includes the step of searching said module for the first source code.